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Claims 1-21 were originally submitted.

Claims 1-10 remain in this application.

The communication states that “[r]estriction to one of the following is required under 35 USC 121:

- Applicant elects to prosecute group 1, claims 1-10, in this application; however, Applicant retains the right to prosecute claims 11-21 in a separate application.

1 CONCLUSION

2 All pending claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance. Applicant
3 respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject
4 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the
5 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent
6 Action.

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8 Respectfully Submitted,

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